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The General Services Administration is inviting sealed bids for the purchase of approximately 18,700 long tons of surplus tin slags.

The slags, which contain columbium and tantalum pentoxides, were produced in Malaya as a by-product of tin smelting and have been held in the government's stockpile of defense materials. Presently stored at Niagara Falls, New York and Welland, Ontario, Canada, the materials are to be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, with the purchaser required to outload. Bids must cover the total tonnage in storage at both depots. Approximately 4,174 tons are at Niagara Falls; 14,732 tons at Welland.

Opening of bids is scheduled for 11:00 AM, EST, April 4, 1962 at GSA, Washington.

Analyses of the slags at the time they were placed in storage and the procedure for inspecting and obtaining samples, both for chemical analysis and production tests, are available from Director, Project Administration Division, GSA's Defense Materials Service, Washington 25, D. C.

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